

WHEREAS, November 16, 1906, marked the entry into the world at Duagh, County Kerry, Ireland of Patrick J. O'Connor, son of Michael O'Connor and Mary Fitzgerald O'Connor; and,

WHEREAS, On December 20, 1930, Patrick O'Connor was ordained to the Priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church by Cardinal Pompili in the Church of St. John Lateran, Rome, Italy; and,

WHEREAS, Since his ordination Father O'Connor has served as Assistant Pastor at Mitchell, South Dakota, and Pastor of the parishes of Wessington Springs, Mayfield, Beresford, and Montrose, South Dakota, where he presently resides; and,

WHEREAS, Father has greatly benefited this State through the dedication of his life to the purpose of providing an example of rightful actions and moral character; and,

WHEREAS, Father O'Connor has dedicated his life to the betterment of the Church and its people; and,

WHEREAS, We in South Dakota are proud and fortunate to have among us such fine individuals as Father O'Connor; and,

WHEREAS, Saturday, December 20, 1975, marks the Forty-Fifth Anniversary of Father O'Connor's ordination to the priesthood; and,

WHEREAS, This event is worthy of public recognition in the State of South Dakota, and it is fitting and proper that the Governor make note of this special occasion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do joyfully with Christian love, proclaim Saturday, December 20, 1975, as

FATHER PATRICK J. O'CONNOR DAY

in South Dakota, and do urge his many friends to join with him in celebration on this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 9th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five

*R. F. Kneip*  
RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

*Lorna B. Herseth*  
LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

*Jean D. Johnson*  
JEAN D. JOHNSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA - BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY  
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE MICROPHOTODUPLICATION IMAGE APPEARING ON THIS STATE OF MICROFILM IS AN ACCURATE REPRODUCTION OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD AND WAS MICROFILMED IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA COMPILATION LAW 1-27-4. IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED THAT THE MICROFILM PROCESS USED FOR MICROFILMING OF THE ABOVE RECORDS WAS IN A POWER AND ON MICROFILM WHICH MEET THE RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS FOR PERMANENT MICROFILMOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTIONS. REDUCTION 25 PERCENT. ROLL NO. 2 DATE MICROFILMED 2-2-84 OPERATOR *L. B. Herseth*